

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-26257-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.08.2024

PARTAP SINGH BAJWA

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

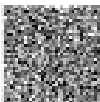
Present: Mr. Arshpreet Khadial, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed by the leader of opposition in the State Legislative Assembly in the State of Punjab.
2. The grievance raised is that the Members of the opposition party in the Legislative Assembly in State of Punjab are not getting appropriate media broadcasting coverage when compared to the coverage being offered to the Members of Legislative Assembly of party in power.
3. It is also contended that there are no rules or regulations or guidelines regulating the process of broadcasting and telecasting the proceedings of Legislative Assembly in the State of Punjab. The instructions on Broadcasting and Telecasting prevailing in the Kerala Legislative Assembly are relied upon by learned counsel for the petitioner.



4. It is further submitted that despite making various representations raising the aforesaid grievance including Annexure P-1 and P-3, no heed has been paid by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
5. The petitioner has filed certain photographs of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly in the State of Punjab in support of his contentions but this Bench chooses not to enter into the controversy since it is fraught with disputed questions of fact, which ought to be best left for the competent authority to dwell upon.
6. Refraining from entering into merits of the matter, this Court requests respondent No.2 to consider the aforesaid grievance of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible by passing a speaking order and communicating the same to the petitioner.
7. Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.
8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

August 09th, 2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No